

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HELGA SWATZAK, CHRISTOPHER
SWATZAK and BROOKE MANSOOR,

Defendant.

ORDER

12-cv-244-bbc

ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HELGA SWATZAK, CHRISTOPHER
SWATZAK and BROOKE MANSOOR,

Defendant.

ORDER

12-cv-245-bbc

Defendants Helga Swatzak and Christopher Swatzak have filed a document entitled “Acknowledgement of Opinion and Order” in each of these two cases. Dkt. #13 in 12-cv-244; dkt. #12 in 12-cv-245. At the end of the document, they ask for “a review under all new Federal Laws related to [the court’s] Opinion.” The request must be denied because the cases are no longer pending in this court.

As explained in the order entered on October 30, 2012, the cases were remanded to

state court because defendants had not shown that this court had jurisdiction, that is, legal authority, to hear the cases. Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. Unless Congress authorizes them to hear a category of case, they cannot act. Congress has said that the federal courts have jurisdiction to hear cases that raise questions of federal law or that involve parties of diverse citizenship. Defendants failed to prove that the two cases they sought to remove met either of these two criteria, so this court had no option but to remand them. Defendants have not shown that the court erred in making that decision so it must stand.

If defendants think they have discovered new federal laws that protect them from foreclosure, they are free to raise any issues about those new laws in state court. They cannot raise them here, where no case is pending and no authority exists to hear their challenges.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the request of defendants Helga Swatzak and Christopher Swatzak for a review by this court of all new federal laws related to the opinions and orders entered in these cases on October 30, 2012, dkt. #13 in 12-cv-244; dkt. #12 in 12-cv-245, is DENIED.

Entered this 20th day of November, 2012.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge

